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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: IRAQ USING STRATEGIC PIPELINE

1. IRAQI PRESS ON JAN 8 ANNOUNCED THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF NORTH IRAQ OIL BY TANKER FROM BKR TERMINAL IN THE GULF. OIL WAS MOVED FROM NORTH IRAQ THROUGH "STRATEGIC" PIPELINE INAUGURATED ON DEC 20 BY RCC COMMAND COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN.

2. NOW THAT IRAQIS HAVE ANOTHER OUTLET FOR THEIR NORTHERN OIL FIELDS, WE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO PRESS SYRIANS FOR RENEGOTIATION OF OIL TRANSIT FEES. SADDAM HUSSEIN MADE REFERENCE TO SYRIAN OVERCHARGING IN HIS DEC. 27 SPEECH AND IT WOULD BE OUT OF CHARACTER FOR IRAQI REGIME NOT TO PRESS THIS ISSUE VIGOROUSLY WITH SARG. FACT THAT SYRIANS STILL CONTROL UPSTREAM WATERS OF EUPHRATES, HOWEVER, MAY MODERATE VIGOR OF IRAQI ASSAULT ON SYRIAN REGIME ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES NOW CURRENT BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.
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